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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) Method for establishing communications in a system comprising at least two television receiver terminals and a server linked to said television receiver terminals by a network comprising the steps of :

- initiating, by receiving, by the server, from a user of a first television receiver terminal, data associated with a program watched by said user on said terminal;

- informing said server that said a first user wishes to communicate with another user;

- searching, by the server, for other users who have sent data indicating that they are watching the program;

- based on data from the other users matching the data of the first user, and selecting at least a second user among said others users for communication with the first user; and

- establishing a communication between said first user and said second user through the server, ~~the address of the first and second users not being transmitted to any other user~~ wherein anonymous communication is maintained between the users by the server by excluding identity data in the transmissions between the first user and the other users.

5. (Previously Presented) Method according to the claim 4 comprising

- a step of sending a stopping signal from a television receiver terminal of a user to the server;

- a step of sending a disconnection signal from the server to the other users communicating with the first user; and further to the communication,

- a step of storing in the server a list comprising user identifications;

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- a step of archiving in the terminal a connection reference relative to the communication.

6. (Original) Method according to the claim 5, comprising the step of re-establishing a communication between at least the two of these users following a request of one of the users, the step of re-establishing comprising the following steps:

- sending by one of the users to the server the connection reference;
- searching in the server the list of users corresponding to said connection reference;
- establishing a communication between this user and another user of this list.

7. (Currently Amended) Server device for establishing communications between at least two users, said device being linked to at least two television receiver terminals; said server device comprising:

- means for receiving from the two users data relative to a respective program watched by each user through their respective television receivers,
- means for storing data sent by users through said television receiver terminals, as well as addresses of said users,
- means for establishing a communication between the at least two users with matching data, using said users addresses, the communication being established through the server, wherein anonymous communication is maintained between the users by the server by excluding identity data in the transmissions between the at least two users.

8. (Currently Amended) Server device according to claim 7, further comprising a memory means for storing at least a list of users identifications and a connection reference relative to a previous communication, and communication means to re-establish ~~re-establishing~~ a communication between at least two user of the list when it receives ~~receive~~ from one of these users user a request for re-establishing a communication, said request comprising the connection reference.

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9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 7, wherein it comprises communication means to establish ~~establishing~~ said communication over the telephone network, said communication between the two users being by audio.

11. (Currently Amended) Television receiver terminal comprising a communication module for establishing a communication with a server device through a communication network, said receiver comprising:

- a user interface for requesting a connection with another television receiver terminal through the server,
- a microprocessor for transmitting data relative to the program watched by the user on said terminal to the server along with the request for the connection; and
- means for establishing a communication with another television receiver through the server, wherein ~~the address of the other user is not transmitted by the server~~ anonymous communication is maintained between the users by the server by excluding identity data in the transmissions between the first user and the other users.

12. (Original) Television receiver terminal according to claim 11 comprising a means for re-establishing a connection, this means emitting to the server a connection reference of a past connection for requesting the server to set up again a previous connection.